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CINCPAC ALSO PASS POLAD

REF: A. BANGKOK 12209 B. STATE 156880

1. ALTHOUGH MEMBERS OF SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS RE OUR PROPOSED PARAGRAPH WITH REFERENCE TO MILITARY PLANNING ACTIVITIES AS SET FORTH PARA 2, REFTEL B, SUBCOMMITTEE HAS PROCEEDED TO ADDRESS OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS IN SECGEN'S REPORT RELATING TO FUTURE OF MPO ON ASSUMPTION THAT ALL CURRENT MILITARY PLANNING ACTIVITIES SHOULD CEASE.

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO DRAW TO ATTENTION ACTION ADDRESSEES RECOMMENDATIONS (AA) AND (CC) ON PP. 45-46 OF SECGEN'S REPORT. RE FORMER, SECGEN HAS PROPOSED THAT FUNCTIONS OF MILADREPS BE ASSIGNED

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TO RESPECTIVE EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHES, AND IN THE CASE OF RTG TO

DULY DESIGNATED MILITARY OFFICER, IN VIEW OF EXPECTED DECREASED LEVEL OF SEATO MILITARY ACTIVITIES. WE BELIEVE US SHOULD GO ALONG WITH ELIMINATION OF FULL-TIME MILADREP POSITIONS. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT DESIGNATION OF MILITARY OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE IS NATIONAL DECISION, NEW ZEALAND HAS RECENTLY NAMED NEW MILITARY ATTACHE ALSO AS ITS MILADREP. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT, IF MEMBER OF DAO STAFF DESIGNATED AS US MILADREP, DUTIES WOULD BE LARGELY IN NATURE OF LIAISON BETWEEN CINCPAC AND SEATO SECRETARIAT; THIS SHOULD REQUIRE NO SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF DUTY TIME, WHILE IT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR ATTACHES TO ESTABLISH NEW MILITARY CONTACTS WITH THAI MILITARY.

3. RE RECOMMENDATION (CC), THE SEC GEN PROPOSES THAT IN FUTURE SEATO HAVE SINGLE BUDGET INASMUCH AS CIVIL AND MILITARY SIDES OF ORGANIZATION WILL BE INTEGRATED. TO HELP MEET PROBLEM SOME MEMBER GOVERNMENTS MAY ENCOUNTER IN FUNDING BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN SINGLE BUDGET, SEC GEN HAS STATED THAT PROPORTION OF TOTAL BUDGET WHICH MIGHT HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CHARGED AS MILITARY EXPENSES WOULD BE ASCERTAINED AND PROVIDED MEMBERS. (THIS PROPORTION WOULD PRESUMABLY BE PAID FROM DOD BUDGET JUST AS IT HAS PAID MPO BUDGET IN PAST.)

4. ALL OTHER MEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE FIND THESE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTABLE. REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT RECOMMENDATIONS ALSO ARE ACCEPTABLE TO US BY OPENING OF BUSINESS AUGUST 16.
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